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ALL KILLED JULY 6

Latest Rumor Regarding Status of Foreigners in Pekin.

NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION AS YET

British Public, However, Believes the Worst Has Happened.

NOTE FROM THE EMPEROR

LITTLE HOPE HELD OUT.

Message From Governor of Shantung Agrees With Consul Goodnow's.

LONDON, July 13.-A telegram received at the office of the Chinese imperial maritime customs in London from the governor of Shantung, is identical with United States Consul Goodnow's report of the bombardment of the legations July 7. The officials here regard the dispatch as leaving little room to hope the legations have

LONDON, July 13.-A news agency report says that an official message received in London states that all the foreigners in

Pekin were murdered July 6. In the house of commons today, replying to questions on the subject, the parliament-ary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Brodrick, said that little news had been re-ceived from China. Her majesty's government, he explained, had been unable to communicate with the British naval officers in China, as the land lines between Chefoo | good and Shanghai had been cut. A dispatch purporting to have been sent from the Emperor of China to her majesty's government was received yesterday, but the secretary said he was unable to promise to make its

No Official Information.

Though there does not appear to be at this hour any justification for the statement that official confirmation has been received here of the massacre of the international colony at Pekin, it is hardly doubt-ed that such confirmation will be the outed that such confirmation will be the outcome of the present suspense. The report
sent out by a news agency of this city today
saying an official message had been received in London that all the foreigners in
Pekin were murdered July 6 was said to
have originated at the Japanese legation,
but inquiry there elicited the statement that
no telegram dealing with the situation at
Pekin had reached the legation for some
days, and that nothing was known there
lending support to the story beyond the
Shanghai tales published today. The British foreign office is equally without confirmatory information, and the same reply
was received at the Chinese legation.

Reiteration of Morning Rumors.

rumors, especially as an interchange of in-quiries indicated that none of the embassies and ministries had anything fresh corrobo rative of the story. Lord Salisbury presidrative of the story. Lord Salisbury presided at a lengthy cabinet meeting this afternoon, at which, it is understood, important decisions in regard to China were reached, and that already instructions have been sent to Simia to prepare another division, consisting of four British and four Indian regiments, with their complements of artillery, for service in China.

edict, which is said to be undoubtedly genuine. Li Hung Chang is sending some thousands of troops to Pekin and the other governors are probably doing the same.

Important Chinese Letter.

SHANGHAI, Thursday, July 12.—The for eign consuls are offering large sums for the production of the letter which a Chinese merchant is said to have received Chinese merchant is said to have received from Pekin, dated June 20, saying the legations were demolished and that the fortigners had been killed. The merchant declines to show it, alleging that he fears publishment from the Chinese officials. Rioting is reported to have occurred at Masse, but to confirmation of the reports has been received.

Spain Will Not Send Warship. MADRID, July 13.—Senor Silvela, the Spanish premier, says that no Spanish war

"BIG INJUN" BROKE HIS SHOULDER.

Accident to Thomas White During an Initiation Ceremony.

PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—Thomas White, thirty-four years old, is suffering at the Episcopal Hospital from a triple fracture of the shoulder blade, caused by an accident during an initiation at Price of America Lodge, Foresters of America last night at the latter's hall. White, with several other men, compose the degree staff of the order. To properly impress new can cidates with their work the members of the degree staff assume different characters. Last night White was the "Big and was made up accordingly. Duras the administration of the first two de-Press everything progressed smoothly, but this the third degree, which calls for vig-arous work, was in progress. White slipped to the floor and broke his shoulder.

JURY STILL INCOMPLECE.

Extra Venire Summoned in the Goebel Murder Trial.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., July 13.—The fifth day of the trial in the case of ex-Secretary of State Ca'eb Powers, charged with com-plicity in the Goebel shooting, found the jury uncompleted, with five jurors to be supplied. A deputy sheriff rode into the country districts last night, in accordance with the order of the court, and summoned an extra venire of forty jurymen.

The prosecution exhausted its number of peremptory challenges by excusing Ernsmus Mare, anti-Goebel democrat, who had been temporarily seated as a juror yester-day afternoon.

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR STRIKERS. Two Thousand Solicitors Asking Aid

ST. LOUIS, July 13.-Two thousand so licitors engaged by the trades and labor unions of St. Louis to canvass the city and collect contributions for the striking street railway men's 'bus lines began work today In addition to collecting funds for this project the solicitors are expected to as-certain what proportion of the population

favors trades and labor unions.

An explosion occurred during the night on the Easton avenue line of the Transit company. The car ran over an explosive, supposed to be dynamite, which shattered the front truck and otherwise damaged the car. Nobody was injured.

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OUT IN NEBRASKA.

Gurley Hopeful of Smashing Bryan in His Own State. Mr. W. F. Gurley, a prominent Nebraska republican politician and who was chairman of the Nebraska delegation in the Philadelphia convention, was a caller at

republican congressional committee head-quarters today "The republicans have a good fighting chance in Nebraska this year," said Mr. Gurley to a Star reporter, "and we propose to improve it. The change of 3,000 votes

would carry the state for the republican ticket, and, I believe, that a change of 4,000 votes would win the electoral vote. If we can get some good speakers and make a fight for it, I feel hopeful of smash-

make a fight for it, I feel hopeful of smashing Bryan in his own state.

"The fusion which was effected between the democrats and the populists yesterday does not alter the conditions materially. We have had to fight fusion before, and we have seen it falling steadily year by year. Both parties to the arrangement have been getting disgusted with it each year, and the democratic-populist vote has steadily fallen.

The fallure of the democratic convention

"The fallure of the democratic convention to nominate Towne will hurt the Leket in Nebraska and in other western states. The silver men are very resentful at the treatment they received, and I think it is bound to crop out on election day.

"I was interested in noting that conference at Mr. Bryan's home in Lincoln this week. There was 'Cyclone' Davis of Texas, Pettigrew of South Dakota, a populist republican; 'Web' Davis of Missouri, a renegade republican; Charlie Towne, a former republican. Is there any one in that combination to attract the old conservative democrats back to the party? And Stevenson certainly can't carry Illinois. nois. "How about Webster Davis? Well, I

"How about Webster Davis? Well, I don't believe he will make any converts. He will undoubtedly arouse considerable enthusiasm among those who are already bound to their idois, but he will not increase the number. His conversion is altogether too sudden, for we remember him as being very close to the administration and virtually its representative in the western country only a short time ago. "I think the republican prospects are good all through the west. Times are easy, there is no dissatisfaction, and people will be likely to be content and slow to make a change. There is a general spirit of doubt in the minds of the plain people about the stability of the democratic-populist crowd and a disinclination to trust the country to them."

WILL NOT AWAIT ITS RELIEF.

Fort Myer Cavalrymen Will Leave Be-fore 5th Arrives From Porto Rico. Arrangements are being made to send the equadren of the 3d Cavalry, now at Fort Myer, Va., to San Francisco in order that it may embark on the transport Meade scheduled to sail from that port on the 1st proximo. These troops had been selected for service in the Philippines, but the crisis which has arisen in China has made it necessary to include them in the reinforce ments being dispatched to that country. A ments being dispatched to that country. A
battalion of the 5th Cavalry ordered home
from Porto Rico will take the place of the
3d Cavalry at Fort Myer, but, owing to the
urgent need of troops in the orient, it has
been decided to forward the movement of Reiteration of Morning Rumors.

Official circles regard the statement as seing merely a reiteration of the morning's parts, especially as an interval.

DISTRICT NATIONAL BANKS.

Undivided Profits and the Circulation

Show an Increase.
The controller of the currency has just completed an abstract of the reports of condition of the twelve national banks in the District of Columbia, showing their re-

regiments, with their complements of artillery, for service in China.

Li Will Send Troops.

BERLIN, July El—According to a semiofficial telegram from Canton, dated
Thursday, July 12, Li Hung Chang July
6 received a written imperial edict, dated
June 17, and sent overland, in which all
the governors were urged to dispatch
troops with the utmost speed to help
against the rebels, among whom Prince
Tuan was clearly indicated. Acting on this
edict, which is said to be undoubtedly
remains 1.1.

The total loans and discounts amounted \$12,417,915.71.

NEW BOLIVIAN MINISTER.

Secretary of State Notified of Dr. Guachalla's Appointment.

United States Minister Bridgeman at Bo livia has notified the Secretary of State of challa as envey extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Bolivia to the Unite States. Dr. Guachalla was appointed early in June and will represent his country be-States. Dr. Guachaila was appointed in June and will represent his countr fore Venezuela and Mexico as well a United States and will attend the cence of American republics in the Cl Mexico next year in behalf of Bolivia.

THE PRODUCTION OF COFFEE.

So Far This Year the Output Has Been 13,975,000 Sacks.

Consul Bartleman, at Malaga, transmits to the State Department a translation of a newspaper article containing information compiled by Dutch brokers relative to the world's coffee production. The figures show that the consumption in the last four rears has increased almost at the rate of ,000,000 bags per annum. So far this year the production has reached 13,975,000 sacks. If the estimates which have been made of the next crop prove true and the consumption only reaches that of the previous year e will be next year an important un glanced market of more than 1,000 balanced market of more than loss of sacks against the production, which will considerably diminish the large stocks with which the market has been unfavorably leaded in the past few years. This belief, the article says, is the main reason for influencing the good outlook which the market presents today.

OUR FLOUR IN JAPAN. its Consumption Becoming More Com-

mon Throughout the Country. Vice Consul General McLean has made report from Yokohama on the subject of importation of American flour into Japan. He says that the use of flour is not nfined to the large cities of Japan, but s becoming common throughout that country. He speaks of three or four American built flour mills, the largest having a capacity of 150 barrels a day, that are now helping to supply Japan with flour. There are many small native mills of hand and water power throughout the country, but their product is of a coarse character and they do not compete to any extent with being imported into Japan, and onsiderable amount of flour made from it being sold there. The demand for flour throughout the orient is rapidly increasing the best points of consumption at present being Russian possessions in northern China and eastern Siberia.

Personal Mention.

Wolf, who, with Mr. Herbert Waters, have home, near Gaithersburg, Md., have re-turned to this city. While the troops of the District of Columbia National Guard are in camp at Gaithersburg Mr. Wolf will again be Mr. Baker's guest.

FIRING ON LEGATIONS

News Transmitted by the Governor of Shan-Tung.

BOXERS PREPARING FOR FINAL ATTACK

Were Bombarding the Foreigners July 7.

OFFICIAL CIRCLES DEPRESSED

The Department of State received a dispatch today from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai, saying that the governor of Shan-tung wires that the Boxers and soldiers were bombarding the legations for a final attack upon the 7th of July. He is extremely anxious for the safety of the ministers and our Chinese friends in Pekin. The consul adds that fears of the worst are generally entertained.

The Department of State also received a dispatch from Consul McWade at Canton, saying that the viceroy, Li Hung Chang, engaged quarters upon the Chinese steamer Anping, but that the date of his departure for the north is as yet undecided.

Officials Greatly Depressed. The short telegram received at the State Department today from Consul General Goodnow, at Shanghai, announcing the beginning of the final attack on the legations at Pekin terribly depressed the officials. All along they have suspected that the various communications that have come out of Shanghai, in each case from a Chinese source, have been preparing the way for the announcement of the extermination of the foreign ministers and all of the hapless people—wives, children, attaches, dependents and guards. The consul general's message, it is understood, is but a repetition of the latest press reports from Shanghai, but the State Department has come to place a high estimation on Mr. Goodnow's advices, it appreciates the fact that he does not send every piece of unreliable gossip afloat in the sensational news center where he is stationed, but uses good judgment in sifting out the probable from the other kind of news. Moreover, his advice this time is from the Chinese governor of the province wherein Shanghai is situated, and it is hard to conceive of an adequate reason for the at Pekin terribly depressed the officials. wherein Shanghai is situated, and it is hard to conceive of an adequate reason for the falsification of the facts by that official, at least in the direction of this particular re-port. Therefore, the State Department, which has all along been hopeful of the ultimate rescue of the ministers at Pekin, has now joined European chancellories in the belief that they have all been killed.

Li Hung Chang's Intentions. The department officials find it hard to estimate the value of the statement of the consul at Canton that Li Hung Chang has again engaged passage northward, owing to the lack of a date on the cable message and it is suspected that the press dispatch stating that he has abandoned the trip to Pekin is of later date than Mr. McWade's notice. Should the great viceroy go northward, his coming to Taku and Tien Tsin would raise at once a question as to the conditions under which he undertakes to go conditions under which he undertakes to go to Pekin, and incidentally the decision as to whether or not he should be permitted to pass the lines, would involve the decision of the other question as to whether or not a state of war exists. Conferring in Regard to a Cable.

An attempt has been on foot for some days past to arrange between the powers cable connecting the base of Chinese operaions either with Shanghal, Port Arthur, Yokohama or some other point through Yokohama or some other point through which more speedy communication can be had with the outside world. The matter has been conducted with a great deal of diplomatic secrecy, but the State, War and Navy Departments here have all been party to the conference, furnishing estimates of cost and data on the time which probably will be necessary to put the project into effect. Both the War and Navy Departments have been figuring for months have been figuring for months t on a transspacific cable, and conse-ntly have all the necessary information their fingers' ends. The War Departtheir imgers ends. The War Department now has fifty miles of cable ready a ship to Manila, to be followed by 400 iles more about the 1st of August. This as to have been used for interising communication in the Philippines, but the urbacy of the case may cause it to be directed to China.

gency of the case may cause it to be diverted to China.

No point has yet been decided on for either end of this international line. Chefoo and Taku both having been discussed for the Chinese terminus. It is 600 miles by water from Taku to Shanghal, the terminus of the English cable. It is less than 100 miles from Taku to Port Arthur, but the Russian land lines both in Corea and Manchuria have been subject to such serious interruption as to almost bar the consideration of that route for the international connecting link.

The Expense.

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The expense of this undertaking, accordng to the present tentative arrangements, will be borne jointly by the powers interested. It is impossible at present to give a fair estimate of the time that would be consumed in carrying out the project, but it is probable that the United States is in condition to do the work more quickly than any other nation. Great regret is expressed in both army and navy circles that the transpacific cable, with its proposed branch to Yokohama, was not authorized by the last Congress, as this would have aided greatly in the possibility of quickly securing and maintaining a reliable open route.

Eager to Fight the Chinese. The recruiting of troops to fill up the egiments in service in the army has been greatly stimulated by the present outbreak in China. The War Department has been unable up to date to give applicants for enlistment any positive assurance that they will be used in Chinese service, but those regiments which have been definitely those regiments which have been definitely ordered to China were immediately recruited to their full strength without the slightest difficulty. Further than this recruits have been forced to take their chances between serving in China and in the Philippines, but the prospect of an active Chinese campaign has brought out a better class of men than have recently applied for enlistment, in spite of the fact that the American requirements for enlisted men are can requirements for enlisted men are higher than those of any other army in

the world.

Col. Ward, who is in charge of the recrulting bureau of the War Department,
feels no doubt as to the possibility of
enlisting any number of first-class men for Chinese service whenever occasion arrises. There will be a large number of short-ser-vice men in both the Porto Rican and Cuban regiments now destined for oriental service, but at the present rate of enlist-ment they will be quickly recruited to their full strength.

Russian Embassy Without Advices.

Mr. Wollant, the Russian charge of embassy, called at the State Department this morning to talk with Secretary Hay over the Chinese situation. He stated that he had no advices from his own government touching the latest report of developments at Pekin. It is understood that the State Department is basing its repeated affirmations of the willingness of Russia to permit large operations by Japan in a military sense in China on representations made by

Mr. Wollant.

The department is much gratified at the statements attributed to Count von Bulow in the outline of his note to the German states, contained in the press dispatches

this morning. In the absence of the full text of the note the officials here read in the abstract a complete readfirmation of the principles laid down by Secretary Hay as guiding the policy of the United States toward China. Some of the declarations of the German chancellor might almost be regarded as paraphrases of the United States note on the subject.

MR. HANNA CHAIRMAN

Perry Heath Secretary of National Executive Committee. Use of Nagasaki as a Base.

The State Department anticipates no difficulty in effecting transshipment of troops and animals intended for the army in China at the Japanese port of Nagasaki. The point raised in some quarters that the use of Nagasaki as a base in this fashion would of Nagasaki as a base in this fashion would be a violation of international law, constituting a hostile act against Caina in the absence of a declaration of war, is declared by the officials here to be absolutely frivolous. As a matter of fact the War Department has been freely availing itself of Nagasaki as a point for transshipment and a port of rest ever since the end of the war with Spain, and the Japanese government having made no objection so far, is scarcely likely either to make a protest itself or to entertain one from any other nation in the present phase.

News at the Japanese Legation. The Japanese legation has received a dispatch from Tokio giving briefly the details

of the assassination of Baron von Ketteler at Pekin and the fighting around Tien Tsin The dispatch was sent from Tokio July 4, but was in some way subject to great delay along the Siberian route. It states that the German minister was killed by a shot, and that it is not known whether the mobelement or the soldiery is responsible for the shooting. The Japanese report of the fighting around Tien Tsin is similar to that already conveyed in the press dispatches.

Concerning the reports from Yokohama that the government is being urged to send 50,000 troops to China, Mr. Nabeshima, the Japanese charge, says that it is little more than press conjecture, and that there is no present evidence that the government has the silghtest purpose of sending more than one army corps, or 22,000 men, to China. While the popular sentiment in Japan might favor the dispatch of a large army to China, he feels that the government will act quite conservatively, particularly in view of the uncertainty as to the terms on which Japan is to undertake this mission.

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sion.

It is the understanding of the Japanese officials here that the 5th Army Corps is now being put aboard transports at one of the great naval stations near Hiroshima. It is expected that the transports will go forward in groups as fast as loaded, each group being accompanied by a convoy of warships to afford protection. But as Japan and China have not declared war against and China have not declared war against each other it is not expected that a large convoy of war vessels will be required. The Japanese troops will go straight to Taku, the trip taking about three and one-half

Gen. Grant May Go to China. The Secretary of War is seriously con-sidering the detail of Brigadier General Fred D. Grant to duty in China as an as-sistant to Gen. Chaffee, now on his way to Taku to take command of the military forces in the flowery kingdom. Gen. Grant is now on duty in the Philippines. It is argued that he would be a valuable man in China because of the great veneration and respect in which the Chinese hold his father's memory.

SITUATION AS IN 1896.

Ex-Representative Forman Says Gold Democrats Will Support McKinley. Ex-Representative Forman of Illinois, a

ormer democratic member of the House, who is a representative gold democrat, says that he thinks the gold democrats generally are going to vote for McKinley. "I do not see," he said, "that the situation is materially changed for the gold democrats since '96. The democratic convention has declared again for the free colnage of silver, 16 to 1, and left no opportunity for those who could not agree with this declaration in '96 to return to the party. Some who are politicians and do not like the idea of drifting about unattached to any regular organization may go back to the Bryan party and stand their chances; but I think the bulk of the gold democrats will vote for McKinley. Bryan has no chance of carrying Illinois. The re-publicans will carry the state by a hun-dred thousand."

Mr. Forman is a close personal friend of W. R. Morrison, the author of the horizontal tariff bill. He says that Morrison is going to vote for Bryan this time, and that he may take the stump for the ticket.

REPRESENTATIVE JOY'S VIEWS.

Sixteen to One Has Destroyed Demo crats' Chance of Success

"I think," said Representative Joy to a Star reporter, "that the democrats destroyed whatever right they may have had to hope for success by putting 16 to 1 in their platform. The public will believe that there was a practical reason for Mr. Bryan's in sisting upon 16 to 1. It will be apt to think that he was distated to by the silver mine owners who will contribute to his ampaign fund. With 16 to 1 in the platform they cannot obscure it in the campaign." What do you think about Webster Da-

"What do you think about Webster Davis' action?" was asked.

"Oh, it will not help the democrats much. He is a good talker, and in that much they get something from him where he is not well known. He will not help them in Missouri and he represents no following anywhere. I see Henry N. Johnson has come out for Eryan. I do not see how he come out for Eryan. I do not see how he could do otherwise after the position in opposition t othe administration he took in Congress. He, like Davis, will probably help the democrats more outside of his state than in it. I do not think his position will have much influence in Indiana. "New York ought to be the battlefield of this campaign," Mr. Joy added; "but with 16 to 1 in the democratic platform I do not think they can put up any sort of a fight they can put up any sort of a fight in that state.'

GOV. STONE'S VIEWS.

Says This is a Republican Year and He Looks for Victory. Gov. Stone of Pennsylvania is in the city

oday and talked briefly, but to the point, with a Star reporter upon politics.
"As a republican," said Gov. Stone, "I am more than pleased with the Kansas City platform and the ticket. It could not

City platform and the ticket. It could not have been better for us.

"Pennsylvania will do better next November than she did four years ago. We will give McKinley 300,000 majority. The placing of Stevenson on the tail of the democratic ticket will not win any conservative democrats for the Bryan-populist-free-silver ticket. It will not bring back a single democrat who left the party in 1896.

"Another thing we will do in Popular

"Another thing we will do in Pennsyl publican representation in Congress. We ost several representatives at the las congressional election, mainly on account of local troubles. We will regain these

seats and make other gains.

"However, this is a republican year, all around and a republican country, and look for a big victory throughout the Coming Trial of the Alabama.

The Cramp company has notified Navy Department that the battle ship Alabama will be in readness to leave the shippard for its acceptance trial on the 14th proximo and asking for the use of dry dock No. 3 at the New York navy yard on the 16th proximo. The requested permission for the use of the dock will be granted and the trial of the vessel be made as soon after as possible. The trial will take placeter. take place over the regular course off Cape Ann, Mass. The Alabama will be required to maintain an average speed of sixteen knots during a run of four hours.

Executive Committee.

CORNELIUS N. BLISS TREASURER

Post Office Department.

Mr. Heath Will Resign Place in

CONFERENCE AT CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 13 .- An important political conference, attended by a number of prominent republican leaders, was held at Senator Hanna's office here today. The meeting was called by Mr. Hanna to discuss and decide upon the personnel of the new executive committee, and to name a secretary of the national committee, to succeed General Charles F. Dick.

Before the conference closes it is also probable that a member of the national committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George B. Cox of Ohio, will be chosen.

Among those present at the conference were Chairman Hanna, Cornellus N. Bliss, Perry S. Heath, Charles F. Dick, Henry C. Payne, Charles Dawes, Myron T. Herrick, R. C. Kerens, Graeme Stewart, M. B. Scott, Harry S. New and Frederick Gibbs. Scott, Harry S. New and Frederick Gibbs.

At noon Senator Hanna announced that the following named had been chosen as members of the national executive committee: Graeme Stewart, Illinois: Henry C. Payne, Wisconsin; Richard C. Kerens, Missouri; J. H. Manley, Malne; N. B. Scott. West Virginia; Frederick S. Gibbs, New York: Franklin Murphy, New Jersey; Myron T. Herrick, Ohio; Harry S. New, Indiana.

Chairman, M. A. Hanna; secretary, Perry S. Heath; treasurer, C. N. Bliss.

Col. Dick Resigns. Gen. Charles F. Dick's resignation as secretary of the republican national committee was received and accepted. Messrs. Hanna, Heath and Payne were named as a committee to draft resolutions concerning the resignation of Gen. Dick. Mr. Hanna stated that the personnel of an advisory commit-tee was under consideration, but that it would not be announced for ten days or

two weeks.

It was also said that all of the members of the old national committee of 1896 requested President McKinley to consent to quested President McKinley to consent to the resignation of Mr. Heath as first as-sistant postmaster general in order that he might become the secretary of the national committee. The President, it was added, strongly demurred to this proposition until yesterday, when he finally gave his consent. Mr. Heath will tender his resignation to the President in about a week or ten days.

Secretary Heath. Perry Sanford Heath was a well-known newspaper man prior to his appointment as first assistant postmaster general in 1897, a few days following the inauguration of President McKinley. Mr. Heath was born in Muncie, Ind., August 31, 1857, and had a common school education. He learned the trade of a printer and became a newspaper reporter at the age of twenty. He was at one time editor of the Muncie Times, and one time editor of the Muncie Times, and later, in 1881, moved from Indiana to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he established the Aberdeen Pioneer. Mr. Heath was prominently identified with the framing of the constitution when it was decided to divide the state of Dakota. After this service he again came established. divide the state of Dakota. After this service he again came eastward and located in Cincinnati, being president and general manager of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette from 1894 to 1896. During the campaign of the latter year he was in charge of the publications and printing of the republican national committee, with head-quarters at New York and Chicago. He was also on the stump during a greater part of the campaign.

Trensurer Bliss

Cornelius Newton Bliss was formerly Secetary of the Interior, being one of the first appointees in the cabinet of the present administration. He was born in Fall River, Mass., January 26, 1833. He was educated in the public schools and the academy there and afterward took a course in the High School at New Orleans, La. His first business occupation was as a clerk in his stepfather's counting room at New Orleans. After being there for a year he became a clerk in a Boston commission house,

In 1866 he entered the firm of J. S. and E. Wright & Co. of Boston as a member. Later he moved to New York and took E. Wright & Co. of Boston as a memoer.

Later he moved to New York and took
charge of the interests there, the firm finally
resolving into Bliss, Fabyan & Co., dry
goods and commission merchants. It was
in 1881 when the firm was so established.

Mr. Bliss was a member of the pan-American conference; was president of the Protective Tariff League; was chairman of the
New York republican state committee, 1887. New York republican state committee, 1887 until the following year. He was treasurer of the national committee during the can paign of 1892 and again in 1896. In 1885 paign of 1892 and again in 1896. In 1886 and again in 1891 he declined to become a candidate for governor of New York. He resigned from the cabinet on account of the necessity of giving personal attention to his many business interests.

COMES A LONG WAY TO MARRY.

German Girl Crosses the Atlantic to Get a Husband. PHILADELPHIA, July 13.-On the

steamer Belgenland, which has just arrived in this port, was a young German girl, Dorothea Johnson, who has come to America to marry P. W. Hansen of Granville, Ia., a man whom she has never seen. Hansen is a farmer, who recently decided that he should like to be married. His father wrote to an old friend in the fatherland to select a bride for his son, and Miss Dorothea. who is only eighteen years old, was chosen, After a correspondence of some months she expressed her willingness to become Mrs. Hansen. Miss Johnson is accompanied by her younger sister. The immigration offcials were on the lookout for them, and when they reached this city they were taken to the Pennsylvania railroad station and placed on a west-bound train.

PREPARING FOR THE CAMPAIGN. W. J. Bryan and C. A. Towne Have Many Conferences.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 13.-The date, Au gust 8, on which he is to receive official ocrats, is satisfactory to Mr. Bryan. It is doubtful if he will leave Lincoln much b fore that time, though he does not himself know just what his program will be. He does not, however, expect to make any

Mr. Bryan is spending much of the time in his library with his stenographer, work-ing on material for the campaign. Mr. Towne has been with him part of the time, which leads to the belief that the Minne-sotan will be one of the most active lieuten-

Bill Posters to Meet in 'Frisco.

TWO CENTS.

SEVERE DROUGHT IN ARIZONA. Range Cattle Suffering for Lack of Water and Food.

LOS ANGELES, July 13.-Reports from the drought-stricken sections of Arizona are to the effect that every water hole and most of the wells have gone dry. In consequence cattle are dying by the thousands, and their shrunken frames dot the desert ountry of Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yuma, Cochise and parts of Maricopa counties. The loss to owners of herds cannot be computed. In their present gaunt condition no market can be found for the cattle. Rarely in the history of the territory has the water

in the history of the territory has the water in the Gila and Salt rivers been so scarce. Not a drop is reported in the Gila, and there is none in the San Pedro from Benson to its confluence with the Salt-river above Phoenix.

At Casa Grande the immense reservoir is dry, the supply having long since been exhausted. Crops of alfalfa, barley and wheat between Florence and Casa Grande, as well as on the Indian reservation at Sacton, where the Pimas dwell, are beyond hope. Added to this is the destruction of timber by the forest fires which rage in the Santa Catalina mountains. Santa Catalina mountains.

CHINESE CLAIM DAMAGES.

Want Compensation for Alleged Losses During Quarantine. SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—The Chinese

esidents of the recently quarantined district of this city are preparing to demand ompensation for losses alleged to have been sustained owing to the action of the health officials. Detailed lists of losses are being prepared which are expected to form the basis for a suit for damage estimated by the attorneys at about \$2,000 against the city of San Francisco, or of a claim of about that amount against the federal gov-

ernment.
Consul General Ho Yow says it has not yet been determined which course to pur-sue. The attorneys will claim that the bubonic plague never existed in Chinatown, and that there was no justification for the action of the national and municipal authorities.

GOLD IN WESTERN MARYLAND. Found in Paying Quantities in Gar-rett County.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., July 13.-Silver and gold ore have been discovered in pay-ing quantities in district No. 11, in Garrett a continuous fire all along the line, the county, eight miles west of Lonaconing, this county. Five assays have been made with such favorable results that a number of persons have been interested in the formation of a company to operate the veins, the company including Patrict E. Finzel, member of the Maryland house of delegates, and Judge Elias Merrill of the Garrett county orphans' court. Prof. William Bullock Clark of Johns Hopkins University, chief of the Maryland geological survey, is at the mine this week, making investigations. Prospecting has been going on for several years, but only recently have veins been discovered rich enough to work.

JOHN F. WOLLENSAK MISSING. Chicago Capitalist and Inventor Not Heard of Since January.

CHICAGO, July 13.—The Record says: Checks for a large amount are supposed to be lying in a pile of unopened mail that awaits the return of John F. Wollensak, and tenants are anxious to pay thousands of dollars due for rent; but no one can tell the whereabouts of Wollensak, who disappeared last November, and he left no agent to act for him in his absence. Mr. Wollento act for him in his absence. Mr. Wollensak is sixty years old and is estimated to be worth half a million dollars. January 10 letter dated San Francisco was received federals at Nitrals Nek, had four guns. be worth half a million dollars. January 10 a letter, dated San Francisco, was received from him by an insurance firm. Since then efforts to find him have proved unavailing. Mr. Wollensak, until last fall, was a manufacturer of hardware specialties. He had been in the business for many years. He was an inventor and a number of specialties which he patented brought him large returns.

SUSPECTED OF EXPRESS ROBBERY. O. P. Dillon, a Telegraph Operator, Arrested in Chicago.

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CHICAGO, July 13.—O. P. Dillon was arrested in this city early today, charged with being one of the burglars who, a week ago, robbed the American Express Company at Storm Lake, Iowa, of blank orders that could be filled out to aggregate \$29,000.

Dillon, with a companion, came to Chicago four days ago and obtained employment as a telegraph operator.

Orders aggregating \$550 in face value and made out on some of the stolen blanks led to Dillon's arrest.

HARPER BROTHERS SALE.

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Object is to Get Property Out of Receivers' Hands.

sell the property to himself, as there would without doubt be no other bidder. The new company of Harper Brothers would then take the property and business, with Col. Harvey as president.

THINK WEBBER WAS MURDERED. Police of Paterson, N. J., Investigating

Aged Man's Death.

NEW YORK, July 13.-What the police of Paterson, N. J., believe to have been a murder was revealed when the body of John Webber, seventy years old, was found today in Hoppers' pond, on the outskirts of Paterson. There were marks on the dead man's head and face which indicated foul play, and the police are making careful investigation. Webber had not lived with his wife for

Webber had not lived with his wife for the last seven years.

The body was found in the water near his wife's home. When Mrs. Webber was told of her husband's death and was asked to view the body she refused to look at it.

AWARDED TO WASHINGTON MAN.

Chevalier Trentanove Gets Contract for a Confederate Monument. ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 13.—Chevalier Trentanove, a sculptor of Washington, has been awarded the contract for erecting the monument to the confederate dead, that will be placed in Springfield, Mo., by the United Confederate Veterans and Daugh-ters of the Confederacy. The monument is for unveiling by June of next It will cost \$12,000, and will be the only memorial to confederate soldiers in

FIRE IN PITTSBURG SUBURB. one Man Burned to Death; Much Prop-

erty Destroyed.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 13.—An early morning fire at Sewickley, a suburb of this city, destroyed six coal and ice storehouses three stables, a frame dwelling, a number of outbuildings and six Pennsylvania freigh ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 13 .- The cars. Samuel Woods, a stableman, was burned to death and eight horses were cre-mated. The property destroyed was owned by Alden F. Hays and Birney Strange. Loss, \$50,000. American Association of Bill Posters of the United States, in convention today, selected San Francisco as the place for holding next year's convention.

Missouri.

BOERS DRIVEN OUT

THE STAR BY MAIL Persons leaving the city for any

period can have The Star mailed to them to any address in the United

States or Canada, by ordering it at this office, in person or by letter.

Terms: 13 cents per week; 25 cents for two weeks, or 50 cents per month. Invariably in advance. scribers changing their address from one Post-office to another should give the last address as well as the

Mahon and French in Control Around Reitfontein.

DETAILS OF WEDNESDAY'S DISASTER

Only About Thirty of the British Force Got Out.

NATIVES WITH THE BOERS

PRETORIA, July 12.-Colonel Mahon, reinforced by General French's brigade, yesterday took all the positions held by the Boers in the neighborhood of Rietfontein, A number of Boer dead were found. The British casualties were trifling.

Details are now at hand regarding the disaster to the Lincolnshire regiment on Wednesday. It appears that five companies were ordered Tuesday to proceed and hold the pass through Magalesburg. In the neighborhood of Daspoortfort. They arrived at the pass in the afternoon, where three companies with two guns took up a position and companies. tion and camped for the night, leaving two companies on a plain south of the pass. The eastern hill was rugged, rocky and inaccessible, but further east apparently approachable from the main ridge. At daybreak yesterday the Boers appeared on the break yesterday the Boers appeared on the castern kopje and opened a heavy fire. Confusion ensued. The colonel ordered the men to take up a position on a kopje west of the gap. From this point a hot fire ensued during the entire day. Two guns, under the escort of the Scots Grays, placed in advance of the main body, were captured after a stout resistance. Nearly every man was killed or wounded.

Maxim Gun Brought Out. A Maxim gun was brought into action early in the day.

The fire was too hot and the men were finally forced to retire. A sergeant, aided by a continuous fire all along the line, the a continuous fire all along the line, the
Lincoinshire Regiment vigorously rep ying.
About 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Roers
appeared to the left of the position occupied by the British. An officer and fifteen
men attempted to charge them. Fourteen
men were killed or wounded as the result
of the charge. Three companies were practically surrounded, but they kept up a
steady fire unwaveringly until toward nightfall, when their ammunition had been expended.

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pended.

The latest arrival from the scene states that the moment of his escape the men were taking a good position under cover, and with fixed bayonets were awaiting the approach of the Boers. It is understood upon good authority that the Boers have employed armed natives. Two of the naemployed armed natives. Two of the na-tives leaped from cover when a small party from the Lincolnshire Regiment stepped up and demanded their surrender. A soldier stepped up and shot both of the natives dead

Officer Encounters a Native. One officer, who succeeded in making his cape, had an encounter with an armed native. It is feared that the losses of the British were numerous. About thirty of the British soldiers straggled back to camp teday. According to all accounts a great

British Disaster at Nitral's Nek. Lord Roberts reports to the war office

ider date of Pretoria, July 12, as fol-"The enemy having falled in their attack on our right rear, as mentioned in my telegram of July 9, made a determined attack upon our right flank yesterday, and, I regret to say, succeeded in capturing Nitrai's Nek, which was garrisoned by

Before, however, they reached the spot the garrison had been over, owered and the guns and a greater portion of the squadron ceivers' Hands.

NEW YORK, July 13.—In explanation of the advertisement of the sale of the Harper Brothers' property, a representative of the firm said today that the sale was in accordance with the original plan, and was the first step toward getting the property out of the receivers' hands, so as to effect the reorganization.

He said Col. Harvey, as agent of the receiver, the Morton Trust Company, would sell the property to himself, as there would without doubt he no other bidder. The

forcements from here under Colonel God-frey of the King's Own Scottish Borderers

not our troops mistaken some Boers in the bushes for our men.
"Smith-Dorrien had a successful engages "Smith-Dorrien had a successful engage-ment with the enemy yesterday near Kru-gersdorp and inflicted heavy loss on them. "Builter reports that the Boers who were destroying his line of rallway near Paarde-kraal were driven off yesterday, after a short action.

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"Hart reports from Heidelberg that the surrendering of Boer arms and ammunilon continues in that district."

News has reached London that Lord Roberts has been suffering from a serious sowel compilant, and that Lady Roberts was hurriedly summoned from Bloemfonein. Lord Roberts, though now better, is will weak.

THE INTER-OCEAN APPEALS.

Injunction Suit Against Associated Press Goes to United States Court. CHICAGO, July 13.-The injunction suit begun by the Inter-Ocean Publishing Com-pany against the Associated Press of New York to prohibit the use of the name "Associated Press," is now pending on appeal before the United States court of appeals for the seventh circuit. The suit was filed originally in the circuit court of Illinois, but was removed by the defendant to the United States circuit court, where an order was entered on Saturday, June 30, modifying the original order of the state court, so as to leave the defendant restrained only from procuring or endeavoring to procure the cancellation of any conwith the Reuter News Agency of any other news agency having contracts

any other news agency having contracts with the Associated Press of Illinois, respecting the collection, distribution or sale of any news. The Inter-Ocean filed an appeal from this order, which was granted, thus sending the case to the United States circuit court of appeals. Naval Orders.

Commander E. S. Prime has been destached from the War College and ordered. home on waiting orders. Chief Sailmaker C. H. Jones, to duty on

the Wabash.

Assistant Engineer W. S. Smith, retired, to Manila for engineer duty at Cavite state.